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Christmas in a Troubled World

"Two elements," says Professor Hocking, "combine in all creative living—the practice of an inner tranquility and the impulse to active helpfulness to others." These are the two foci of human purpose, the two poles of human activity. Life is made up of this ebb and flow—this normal rhythmic alternation between the need for quiet and meditation and the urge toward outward expression—between the passive strengthening of our inner citadels and active good will toward others.

Probably at no other season does this two-fold activity of the human spirit find as normal and complete expression as at the Christmastide. Then, if ever, men's hearts pause to find quiet strength in the presence of the eternal imponderables. In the beauty of glorious anthems and stately worship, in the gaiety of carolling children, in the recurring story of the Bethlehem gift our inner sanctuaries are preserved and renewed. Men of every faith and of none at all sit reverently in lodge assemblies and in service clubs and sing again the hymns and carols of the ages. This genius for inward renewal and strengthening of souls comes with peculiar unanimity at the Christmas time.

But it is true, also, that the impulse for active expression of our inward purposes comes to its fullest expression at this glad season. Then, as at no other time, cold hearts grow warm and shriveled spirits grow expansive and men set about to give glad gifts and to bring cheer and gladness to the lives of their fellowmen. Then, in a peculiar way, our natures become sensitive to the want and woe about us and we strive earnestly and unashamed to make atonement for the careless record of the year.

In a world torn by war and cursed by embitterment and need, Christmas comes to us again. It has come to challenge us to dare to live bravely in these two-fold areas of human insight and purpose. It has come to shock us with the contrast of the manger

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Cardinal Teams on Victory March

The history making series of victories which the Cardinal eleven chalked up in the recent football season has added new enthusiasm to the loyal Otterbeinites who for several seasons past have not had the cause for cheering that this year afforded.

In five of the eight games which they played, our team came out on top, scoring a total of 172 points to the opponents 76. The record of victories is as follows:

Otterbein	14	Oberlin	12
"	12	Bluffton	0
"	41	Marietta	0
"	26	Capital	6
"	59	Ashland	0

This schedule includes several scores which have special significance to Otterbein football fans, for instance the Marietta win breaks a five-year run of defeats from this southern Ohio school; the last victory over Marietta being in 1936. One spectator at this Homecoming game remarked that the 41 tally gave Otterbein a touchdown for every year of defeat and one over for good measure. Defeat of Capital is, of course, always an occasion for great rejoicing because of the keen competition which exists between Otterbein and the Columbus school. This victory brings with it the return of the much cherished cup which is the symbol of the spirit of competition which exists between these colleges. The cup has been conspicuous by its absence from Otterbein's campus for the past seven years. The Capital-

Otterbein ratio of victories is now Capital 8 and Otterbein 7.

These victories now become a matter for pleasant reminiscence as we go into the heated competition of the current basketball season. To date, the Cardinal basketball quintet has a balanced record of one victory and one defeat; winning over Cedarville to the tune of 59 to 25 and losing to Wilmington by the margin of 49 to 64.

Coach Selby is faced with much the same condition in his basketball team as was prevalent on the football squad; that is of having only a few returning lettermen and a majority of underclassmen. Dick Rule, a senior from Lexington; Bob Raica, a senior from Strasburg; Malcolm "Smokey" Williams, a junior from Commercial Point, and Max Phillians, a junior from Ostrander, form the nucleus of a squad consisting of two seniors, two juniors and nine sophomores.

In their opening clash with Cedarville on December 5, the boys did not exhibit the perfectly mechanized teamwork which comes from much playing together. They did, however, have all the makings of a great team; such a team as is developed only through the long hours of work which the squad puts in at the Alumni Gymnasium each afternoon.

ATTENTION, ALUMNI!!

Winter Homecoming

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

OTTERBEIN vs. MT. UNION

ALUMNI NEWS:

●'40 Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bartholomew of Branford, Connecticut, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie E. Bartholomew to C. Wendell King also of Branford. They plan to be married some time next Spring.

●'28 Verda Evans, journalism teacher at John Adams High School, Cleveland, was elected president of the Journalism Association of Ohio Schools at the recent meeting in Columbus.

●'27 Reginald Alden Shipley was recently promoted from the position of Senior Instructor in Medicine at Western Reserve University to Assistant Professor in Medicine of that institution.

●'26 Rev. Emerson Bragg of Hamilton recently received his M.A. degree in religion at Miami University. It is our understanding that this is the first M.A. given by Miami in this field.

●'19 L. K. Replogle, assistant superintendent of Columbus schools and vice president of the Central Ohio Teachers' association for the past year, was elected president of that organization at the seventy-second annual convention on October 24 and 25.

●'05-'06 Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Shively, former missionaries in Japan, who have been in the United States for the past year, had received an appointment to a missionary station in the Philippine Islands, but due to the critical nature of the international situation, they were not able to leave for their new post.

●'91 We extend our deepest sympathy to Dr. E. L. Weinland, for more than forty years Secretary of the Board of Trustees, in the loss of his wife. Mrs. Weinland died at their new home in Westerville on December 11.

Christmas Quiz and Quill:

The Christmas edition of the "Quiz and Quill" magazine, which is now off the press, is one of the most complete and original publications ever presented by this organization—complete because of the fact that there were more entries in the Quiz and Quill contest this year than ever before, 24 in prose and 41 in poetry. The winner of this contest was Miss Jeanne Ackley of Columbus, who placed first in both poetry and prose—original because the cover of the magazine was designed and manufactured on the Otterbein campus. The artists were Miss Betty Woodworth and Miss Ruthanna Shuck, both members of the Quiz and Quill club, and the manufacturer was the Otterbein Crafts Guild. Editor Marjorie Miller and Business Manager Wilma Creamer were kept quite busy making selections for the inclusion in the magazine and carrying out last minute details, but they were well rewarded by the large sales. It was necessary to order extra copies to meet the student demand, but there are still a very few copies which will be available to those alumni who are especially interested in this club. They may be had by sending 25c to the alumni office of the College.

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scene and our bomb-torn civilization. In our folly and our strife Christmas has come again to chide us. But let it come! Let it shame us out of our modern pagan ways. Let it mock our lack of faith and hope and love. If that could happen to us all this holy season then the power that transformed an ancient pagan world would be released anew to redeem the woes of nations and of men.

The Christmas faith is a prophetic faith. It is always repudiating defeat, always claiming victory, always pressing forward into impossible triumphs. Moreover the Christmas faith is a cosmic faith. Peace and goodwill for *all mankind* are caught up into a single breath of song. Then let Christmas come again, with its carols and its bells, but more than that with its challenge and its dreams, to re-echo in our vagrant hearts the piercing cry of a world weary for peace and brotherhood, that at some long last men shall find the wisdom and the grace to dwell together as children of a common God.

J. R. HOWE

President, Otterbein College

Marriages:

Cupid items which have not been published previously include the names of Paul Capehart, '34, who was married to Marjorie Carroll of Dallas, Texas, on August 27; Marion Duckwall, '40, who was married to Lillian Showers on November 20; Russell Martin, '42 to Marie Lewis on November 20; Paul Caris, ex-'42, who was married to Charme Noel in a ceremony at Des Moines, Iowa, on October 14; J. R. Hedding, '37, who was married to Pauline Kaelber on June 8; Leslie Meckstroth, '41, who was married to Louise Hoy on November 1. and Mary Otsuki, '35, who became the bride of James Komuro in a ceremony in the Harris Memorial Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, on October 5.

Births:

Newcomers who Santa Claus will have on his list for the first time this Christmas are James Smith Toedtman, whose arrival on December 1 is being announced by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Toedtman (Ella B. Smith, '36); the new daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes, ex-'31, on November 13; the son of Rev. and Mrs. George Parkinson, '35, who arrived on November 27; and Donald Ray Martin II, who was born on November 22. Donald is a real Otterbeinite, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Martin, '37 (Katherine Newton, '37) and the grandson of Prof. and Mrs. R. F. Martin, '14-'22 and of Mrs. Howard M. Newton (Anna Baker '98).

Alumni are urged to send items concerning their own activities and those of their friends to OTTERBEIN TOWERS, Westerville, Ohio